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REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15, 18, and 21-28 are pending. Claims 1, 8, 15, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 2, 6, 8, 9, and 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 4, 7, 11, and 28 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 8, 15, and 24 are amended herein. Claims 7 and 16 are canceled herein. No new matter is added.

Telephone Conversation With Examiner

Examiner Perungavoor is thanked for the telephone conversation conducted on March 5, 2009. Proposed claim amendments were discussed. It appears that the proposed claim amendments place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim Amendments

In the instant Office Action, it is indicated that claims 4, 7, 11, and 28 contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 24 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 7. More specifically, dependent claim 7 is incorporated into independent claim 1, and claim 7 is canceled. Independent claim 15 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 16 (which is essentially the same as claim 7) and claim 16 is canceled. Independent claims 8 and 20 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 7.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 8, 15, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. patent application publication number 2004/0136533, in the name of Takagaki *et al.* (hereinafter referred to as “Takagaki”).

Takagaki neither discloses nor suggests “determining the encryption algorithm for future communications between the first computer and the second computer by deriving an encryption

algorithm from a key sent with said encryption algorithm negotiation request” as recited in amended independent claim 1, “the specified encryption algorithm is derived from a key sent with said encryption algorithm negotiation request” as recited in amended independent claim 8, “wherein the negotiation request is a key, and wherein a supported encryption algorithm may be derived from the key” as recited in amended independent claim 15, or “wherein each of said one or more encryption algorithms is derived from a respective key sent with said negotiation request” as recited in amended independent claim 24. Because amended claims 1, 8, 15, and 24 contain allowable subject matter, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 1, 8, 15, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 102 is rendered moot. Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection of claims 1, 8, 15, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 102 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2-6, 8-13, 15-18, and 21-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takagaki in view of various combinations of a document entitled “RFC-3244-Microsoft Windows 2000 Kerberos Change Password and Set Password Protocols”, authored by Swift *et al.* (hereinafter referred to as “Swift”) and a document entitled “rpcsec_gss, kadmin service principal, etc” authored by Coffman (hereinafter referred to as “Coffman”).

Combining Swift and Coffman with Takagaki does not cure the deficiencies of Takagaki. Specifically, Takagaki, Coffman, and Swift, whether considered individually or in any combination, neither disclose nor suggest “determining the encryption algorithm for future communications between the first computer and the second computer by deriving an encryption algorithm from a key sent with said encryption algorithm negotiation request” as recited in amended independent claim 1, “the specified encryption algorithm is derived from a key sent with said encryption algorithm negotiation request” as recited in amended independent claim 8, “wherein the negotiation request is a key, and wherein a supported encryption algorithm may be derived from the key” as recited in amended independent claim 15, or “wherein each of said one or more encryption algorithms is derived from a respective key sent with said negotiation

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request" as recited in amended independent claim 24. Because amended independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 24 contain allowable subject matter, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 2-6, 8-13, 15-18, and 21-28 under 35 U.S.C. 103 is rendered moot. Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection of claims 2-6, 8-13, 15, 17, 18, and 21-28 under 35 U.S.C. 103 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the instant application, including all pending claims is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

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